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North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NORTH DAKOTA FARM BUREAU WEEK
MARCH 7-13, 2004

WHEREAS, North Dakota's economy was built on a strong agricultural foundation, and as one of the state's leading industries, agriculture and value-added opportunities are key to building our future; and

WHEREAS, farm families have a strong tradition and role in the economy of North Dakota through many of our rural communities, churches and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the Farm Bureau is one of the largest agriculture organizations in North Dakota with more than 26,000 members, contributing greatly to the state's economy and the nation's food supply; and

WHEREAS, Farm Bureau members are participating in the development of value-added opportunities and new uses for commodities, creating new products and markets for North Dakota farmers and ranchers in the global economy; and

WHEREAS, Farm Bureau continues to play an important role in strengthening and representing the agriculture industry in North Dakota; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 7-13, 2004, **FARM BUREAU WEEK** in the State of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State